

REMARKS

The last Office Action has been carefully considered.

It is noted that claims 1-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) over the patent to Balanger.

At the same time the Examiner indicated that claims 10-12 are not rejected over the art.

The Examiner's indication of the allowability of claims 10-12 has been gratefully acknowledged.

In connection with this indication, claim 10 has been amended. In particular, claim 10 now incorporates the features of claim 1 from which it was dependent. Therefore claim 10 is now an independent claim and it is in allowable condition.

Allowable claims 11 and 12 depend on claim 12 and they also should be in allowable condition.

After carefully considering the Examiner's grounds for the rejection of the claims, applicants canceled claim 1, the broadest claim on file.

Claims 2-9 have been amended with respect to their dependency or retained to depend directly or indirectly on claim 10.

Since the thusly amended dependent claims now share the allowable features of claim 10, they should be considered as being in allowable condition as well.

Should the Examiner require or consider it advisable that the specification, claims and/or drawings be further amended or corrected in formal respects in order to place this case in condition for final allowance, then it is respectfully requested that such amendments or corrections be carried out by Examiner's Amendment, and the case be passed to issue. Alternatively, should the Examiner feel that a personal discussion might be helpful in advancing this case to allowance; he is invited to telephone the undersigned (at 631-243-3818).

Respectfully submitted,

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